

285. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the House of Representatives of the State of Louisiana, relative to House Concurrent Resolution No. 12, memorializing the United States Congress to take such actions as are necessary to review the Government Pension Offset and the Windfall Elimination Provision Social Security benefit reductions and to consider eliminating or reducing them; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. GRANGER:

H.R. 5912.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The principal constitutional authority for this legislation is clause 7 of section 9 of article I of the Constitution of the United States (the appropriation power), which states: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law . . ." In addition, clause 1 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution (the spending power) provides: "The Congress shall have the Power . . . to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States . . ." Together, these specific constitutional provisions establish the congressional power of the purse, granting Congress the authority to appropriate funds, to determine their purpose, amount, and period of availability, and to set forth terms and conditions governing their use.

By Mrs. ELLMERS of North Carolina:

H.R. 5913.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Commerce Clause—Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3: "To regulate Commerce with foreign nations, and among the several states, and with the Indian tribes;"

By Mr. BLUM:

H.R. 5914.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5915.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5916.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MENG:

H.R. 5917.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution, Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 5918.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SCHWEIKERT:

H.R. 5919.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 430: Ms. LEE.

H.R. 508: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 711: Mr. ROSKAM.

H.R. 879: Mr. BYRNE.

H.R. 1061: Mr. JEFFRIES.

H.R. 1545: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 2254: Mr. PIERLUISI.

H.R. 2302: Mr. LANGEVIN.

H.R. 2348: Mr. BURGESS.

H.R. 2802: Mr. ROSKAM.

H.R. 3012: Mr. REED.

H.R. 3051: Mr. FOSTER and Mr. PERLMUTTER.

H.R. 3163: Mr. SCHIFF.

H.R. 3316: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 3474: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 3742: Mr. PRICE of North Carolina.

H.R. 3815: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 3886: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H.R. 4016: Mr. NEAL.

H.R. 4025: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4034: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4044: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4078: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4149: Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BROOKS of Alabama, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. YOHIO, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. GIBBS, Mr. ROKITA, Mr. MESSER, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. STEWART, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. BRAT, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. MULVANEY, Mr. DUNCAN of South Carolina, Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. SALMON, Mr. JONES, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. PITTENGER, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. KNIGHT, Mr. DESANTIS, and Mr. GOHMERT.

H.R. 4151: Mr. GUINTA and Mr. GIBSON.

H.R. 4218: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4310: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4381: Mrs. KIRKPATRICK.

H.R. 4442: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 4547: Mr. BROOKS of Alabama.

H.R. 4559: Mr. WALBERG.

H.R. 4603: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 4626: Mr. STEWART, Mr. AMODEI, Mr. PALAZZO, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. DENT, Mr. GRAVES of Georgia, Mr. GUINTA, Mr. FLORES, Mr. FINCHER, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. HULTGREN, Mr. HARDY, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. LANCE, Mr. SMITH of TEXAS, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. HILL, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. COOK, Mr. MCNERNEY, Mr. NEAL, Mr. UPTON, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. LUETKEMEYER, Mr. ROKITA, and Mr. LAMBORN.

H.R. 4770: Mr. PAULSEN.

H.R. 4893: Mr. ABRAHAM.

H.R. 5073: Ms. MAXINE WATERS of California.

H.R. 5090: Mr. POE of Texas, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Ms. ROYBAL-ALLARD, Ms. KAPTUR, Mrs. LAWRENCE, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. CURBELO of Florida, Mr. OLSON, and Ms. HAHN.

H.R. 5146: Mr. CICILLINE, Ms. BASS, and Mr. MEEKS.

H.R. 5180: Mr. FLEISCHMANN and Mr. NUNES.

H.R. 5213: Mr. CRAMER.

H.R. 5374: Mr. BISHOP of Michigan.

H.R. 5466: Mr. OLSON.

H.R. 5506: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas and Ms. DEGETTE.

H.R. 5539: Mr. SMITH of Missouri.

H.R. 5555: Mr. NUGENT.

H.R. 5584: Mr. POSEY.

H.R. 5593: Ms. STEFANIK.

H.R. 5617: Mr. MCNERNEY.

H.R. 5625: Mr. COLLINS of New York.

H.R. 5635: Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LOWENTHAL, and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 5659: Ms. JENKINS of Kansas and Ms. Linda T. SANCHEZ of California.

H.R. 5668: Mr. COLLINS of New York and Mr. MASSIE.

H.R. 5682: Mr. HASTINGS and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY.

H.R. 5684: Mr. GOWDY.

H.R. 5686: Mr. CICILLINE.

H.R. 5693: Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania and Mr. LOWENTHAL.

H.R. 5708: Mr. BILIRAKIS and Mr. ROONEY of Florida.

H.R. 5746: Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. MCNERNEY, and Mr. ELLISON.

H.R. 5800: Mr. JENKINS of West Virginia.

H.R. 5815: Mr. SIMPSON.

H.R. 5831: Ms. NORTON.

H. Con. Res. 140: Ms. SINEMA, Mr. YOUNG of Alaska, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H. Con. Res. 145: Mr. ROUZER.

H. Res. 112: Ms. MCCOLLUM.

H. Res. 686: Mr. FOSTER.

H. Res. 808: Mr. KEATING.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY Mr. MCCAUL

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Homeland Security in H.R. 5611 do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.

PETITIONS, ETC.

Under clause 3 of rule XII,

76. The SPEAKER presented a petition of Mr. Gregory D. Watson, a citizen of Austin, Texas, relative to urging the Congress to enact legislation that would establish an Office of Congressional Independent Counsel within the legislative branch of government to conduct investigations into alleged criminal conduct within the executive and judicial branches and to publicly make recommendations to the Department of Justice whether or not to proceed with prosecution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.